[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

strength of Government grants which are only intended to supplement other income including contributions from private source and that, if the Government were to defray the entire expenditure on account of the upkeep of such institutions, the object of the grant-in-aid system would be defeated. Government do not therefore propose to take any steps at present for increasing the grants.

(2) Male teachers in Primary Schools are receiving grants varying from Rs. 7½ to Rs. 12 and female teachers from Rs. 8¾ to Rs. 15 per mensem, according to their qualifications and the classes they teach.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is no other income for these grant-in-aid schools than the grant paid by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Grant is not meant as a substitute for pay. If there is no other income, grant alone can be given. It is not expected that grant will be an equivalent of pay.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether Government is interested in the efficiency of the grant-in-aid schools as much as in that of the departmental schools?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They are.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Do the Government think that efficiency is improved or impaired according as the status and pay of the teachers are improved or not?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The responsibility is equally with the managers, more with the managers than with the Government. It is for them also to consider the matter.

Enhancement of grant-in-aid to Primary Schools.

118. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the great majority of teachers in Vernacular Primary Aided Schools receive only the amount of the grant in-aid sanctioned by the Government as their remuneration and that such remuneration per individual is too meagre for the maintenance of the person concerned?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to increase the grant-in-aid to teachers of classes in which the levying of fees from pupils is forbidden by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government are aware that some teachers in aided Primary Schools receive only the amounts sanctioned as grant-in-aid by Government as their pay and that such remuneration is meagre for the maintenance of teachers.

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 117

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